GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TRANSPORT SUBSIDY FOR EXPORT OF AGRICULTUAL PRODUCE .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has declared any transport subsidy for export of agricultural produce;

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the agricultural produces included under the scheme;

(c) Whether the Government has received request from the State Government of Kerala to include some agricultural produces under the scheme; and

(d) If so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Transport subsidy is available, under the scheme of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) on export of various agricultural and processed food products including fresh cut flowers, fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs, hatching eggs, poultry meat, milk powder at the rates specified below:

NORMS FOR TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE FOR EXPORTS BY AIR

For Fresh Cut Flowers	Other Eligible Items (except Fresh Cut Flowers)
Least of :	Least of:
20% of FOB value	10% of FOB value
25% of freight	25% of freight
Specific rate Rs. Per Kilogramme(kg)	Specific rate (Rs. per kg)

NORMS FOR TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE FOR EXPORTS BY SEA

For eligible products exported in non-reefer containers	For eligible products exported in reefer containers
Least of:	Least of:
10% of FOB value	10% of FOB value
25% of freight	33% of freight (inclusive of Inland
Specific rate (Rs. per kg)	freight in reefer containers)

Specific rate (Rs. per kg)
50% of ocean freight

The assistance is extended subject to fulfillment of certain specified conditions including destination, reefer container is factory stuffed and minimum Free- On- Board value.

(ii) Transport subsidy has also been extended on export of pepper at the rate of Rs 5 per kg. for international freight and Rs 2 per kg. for internal transport . The subsidy has been permitted on export of a maximum of 20000 metric tons of pepper

(c) No,Sir.

(d) Does not arise.